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### Hypnotizing Rabbits.

An American physician, who has been accustomed to experiment with rabbits, generally found that chloroform killed them before he had a chance to operate. Disgusted at the wastefulness of this method, he tried hypnotism on one rabbit that he had left and found, to his surprise, that with a few passes of the hands he could easily hypnotize the little creature so perfectly that it lost all capacity for movement or sensation. If rabbits can be hypnotized, it will seem perhaps a little less incredible that some diseases of horses may yield to mental treatment. —London Tit-Bits.

### The Durian.

The durian is a fruit of malodorous fame which is found in the islands of the East Indies. It is of a round or oval shape, green and prickly on the outside, but having a soft, cream-colored pulp of a delightful taste. Were it not for the disagreeable odor it would probably become one of the most popular fruits, but so strong and lasting is the nauseating smell that should one take even a taste of durian he would be unable to mingle with society for some time after.

### Japanese Rocket.

A manufacturer of pyrotechnics in Nagasaki, Japan, makes a rocket, from which, when it explodes in the air, there flies away a large bird which resembles a homing bird in its movements. It is said that the secret of this wonderful production has been in the possession of the eldest child of the family for more than 400 years.

### Evidently Needed Teaching.

The vacation schools and the warm weather brought an obnoxious odoriferous youngster to teacher, who sent her home to be washed.

On the returning, less aromatic, said the youngster to teacher:

"Me mudder wants to know if I come her to git teacht or git smellt."—N. Y. Sun.

### At the Zoo.

The elephant had just returned from a little jaunt with the circus.

"You're back early," said the giraffe, rubbing. "Didn't you like the trip?"

"Well enough; but I got tired of living in my trunk."

Only the hyena laughed.—Cincinnati Tribune.

### Where the Conflict Rages.

"You weren't always such an early riser."

"No," answered Mr. Bilgins. "But out where I live now you've got to get up early to wake other people with the lawn mower instead of being disturbed yourself."—Washington Star.

### Where Lightning Strikes.

Prof. Assmann, one of the German government meteorological experts, says that lightning seldom strikes in a forest where the trees are dense and of about the same height. Danger exists only where isolated trees rise high above their surroundings.

### Effect of Aniseed on Dogs.

It was found the other day in London that a stolen dog which failed to identify its owner had been dosed with aniseed by the thief. Aniseed destroys the sense of smell temporarily. The dog did not recover for two or three days.

### Secret of Cologne.

When the originator of the genuine eau de cologne died, aged 80, he gave his secret to his nephew and heir. Since 1709 only ten persons have seen the recipe, which is kept in a box treble locked.

### Dwelling on the Bad.

"De worl' ain't half ez sinful ez some er de goody-goody folk make out. It's des in overlookin' de good in showin' up de bad dat makes it seem so."—Atlanta Constitution.

### Calling In the Doctor.

Secretary Taft is going on the stump to tell the glories of imperialism. When a specialist is summoned neighbors begin to suspect the patient is not so well. —Baltimore Sun.

### Country of the Future.

Turkey is a country of the future. Its commercial possibilities, both in Europe and in Asia Minor, can hardly be over-estimated.—London News.

### The Important Thing.

Tourist—You've forgotten the rod, forgotten the bait, forgotten the line. What did you bring?  
Sandy—The whisky.—The Tattler.

### Blind in Russia.

Russia has a larger proportion of blind people than any other European country. Two out of every 1,000 of her people are sightless.

## OPTIMISM CHARACTERISTIC.

Chinese Woman Declares It Is a Dominant Trait of the Americans.

Mme. Wong Kai Kah, the wife of the Chinese commissioner to the St. Louis fair, was asked the other day if she liked America.

"I like it well," she answered, "so well, in fact, that I have bought a large tract of land in the west."

"What appears to you to be the dominant American trait?" was asked her.

"Hopefulness," she answered: "a cheerful perseverance, an industrious optimism. This trait governed a young man whom I met the other night at a dinner party. He was a medical student, and some one said to him:

"Don't you despair of ever building up a practice in medicine?"

"Indeed, no," he answered.

"But you will admit that the profession is already overcrowded?"

"Oh, perhaps it is," said the young man. And then, with a laugh, he added: "But I propose to graduate in medicine, just the same, and those who are already in the profession will have to take their chances."

## LEOPOLD'S \$75,000 RUG.

Belgium's Monarch Owns Old Piece of Carpet Which Represents a Nest Fortune.

"King Leopold of Belgium owns one rug that cost a comfortable fortune in itself," said J. F. Caldwell, who represents an eastern carpet manufacturer. "I have seen the rug, and it is a beauty. King Leopold paid \$15,000, or \$75,000, for it. I saw the rug when it was on exhibition in Vienna. It was made in the orient, and is hand tufted. Its age is its principal value, and it has been under the feet of royalty for probably a century. The rug is very large, measuring probably 60 by 75 feet. Few rugs like that come to America, though the millionaires sometimes pay as much as \$5,000 or \$6,000 for some. Few carpets are imported, as they can be made much better by machinery than by hand, and America excels in all machine-made goods. Large numbers of hand-made rugs, however, are imported every year from Turkey, Persia, Arabia and all parts of the orient. We have no labor capable of competing with their rugs."

## CAMPAIGN FOR A NEW ONE

Manufacturers of Novelties Working Overtime on Ornaments Symbolic of Presidential Election.

Dealers in men's jewelry expect that a substantial business will be done from now on in ornaments symbolic of the presidential election. Already watch fobs are shown bearing metal tags on which are inscribed names of presidential and vice presidential candidates. Many designs are utilized, and the tags can be purchased independently of fobs, ranging at retail prices from a quarter of a dollar upward. Baggage checks are also duplicated as attachments for chains and fobs. Your choice of novelties may be had either in relief or engraved. Manufacturers of novelty notions are working overtime nowadays turning out specialties emblematic of the campaign. Among the latest introductions is a miniature reproduction of the white house key, to be worn on watch chain. This creation is offered in a wide assortment of metals. The aluminum article retails at a dime.

## GRAPEVINES IN HUNGARY.

American Growth Proving the Salvation of the Tokay Article, Says Recent Visitor.

"American grape vines are proving the salvation of the Tokay grape," said Julius Lando to a Milwaukee Sentinel man. He had just returned from Hungary, where the Tokay grape is grown. "In the early '90s a vine louse made its appearance in the Tokay fields," he continued, "and in an incredibly short time had devastated every vineyard in the district. American shoots were experimented with and it was found that the louse refused to touch them, they being immune from its ravages. After these shoots had grown the first year, shoots of the Tokay plant were grafted on them, and these allowed to grow another year. The third spring they were cut down and wound about the root stem of the American plant, and allowed to shoot forth another year. But it was not until the fourth year that an attempt was made to garner a harvest."

## A Tall Youth.

A European prodigy, known as "the long Josef," was born in Munich-Gladbach on April 15, 1888. At 12 years of age he was six feet four inches in height and is now seven feet one inch. He is still growing and no doubt will become the tallest man on earth. His family name is Schippers. His father is a butcher. At present he is the principal attraction at the Panopticon, Berlin. He was born of normal parents and is the eleventh child. The first ten have developed quite normally.

## A Skeptic.

A London doctor advances the theory that a great deal of the prevalent baldness is caused by smoking. We are skeptical about this, remarks the Chicago Tribune. The indignant wife of a smoking husband may be tempted to jerk him bald headed, but she seldom does it.

"Gold Coins Lose Value in Transit. It is said that \$1,000,000 in American eagles may show a loss of \$100 from abrasion in being carried from New York to Paris."

Tammany Organized in 1789. Tammany was organized in New York in 1789 to oppose the federalists. William Mooney was its first grand sachem.

## IS QUEST OF PICKPOCKETS

Visitor in "Select Circle" Loses Only Hypodermic Syringe and Morphine Supply.

A curious story is told in the London Chronicle about a dabbler in literature who has been studying the criminal classes at first hand, and succeeded in obtaining an introduction to "a select circle of clever pickpockets," with a regular meeting place of their own. The first time he shared one of the "social evenings" of this group he carried nothing in his pockets save the money necessary to take him home. On the next occasion he took some gold with him, and on leaving the house, early in the morning, found that it was still in his possession, but, on the other hand, he missed something "of no value to anyone but the owner," a bottle of morphine and a hypodermic syringe. He hastened back to the house and begged the member of the club with whom he was best acquainted to get the missing treasures restored. But he was too late; and, knowing his weakness, had deputed one of their number to prevent him gratifying his morbid desire, at any rate for that one night.

## TERRIER ATTACKS A LION.

Recent Exploring Expedition in Africa Marked by Some Thrilling Experiences.

A recent exploring expedition along the boundaries of British East Africa killed 39 lions and had some thrilling adventures. Capt. Maud, who was in command, writes in the Philadelphia Inquirer: "Baïrd had a few days before been mauled by a lion. The brute charged out from a patch of brush and Baïrd's shot failed to stop him. The next moment the lion had knocked him down and was mauling him."

"Baïrd's fox terrier James, which had hitherto had a well-merited reputation for discretion, performed prodigies of valor and positively found his way into the lion's mouth. But he was not of his majesty's taste, and was ejected, strangely enough, with little hurt."

"Meanwhile Baïrd's two shikaris behaved splendidly. One caught the lion by the tail and pulled, while the other very coolly shot him through the heart. Baïrd had several wounds, some of them deep, but the miracle of his escape as well as that of James was explained when it was seen that the lion's jaw had been broken by Baïrd's first shot."

## PAPERS HAVE ODD NAMES.

Russian Publications Are Not Blessed with Very Businesslike Cognomens.

The strange thing about Russia's popular papers is their curious names, declares the Boston Herald. Stroka (Grasshopper), Babotchka (Butterfly), Svetum (The Whistler), Vetr (The Wind), are some names of popular publications. A paper which was started in Moscow some years ago was christened Belezabub. Tchernilitsa (The Inkblot) was the name of another. Russian popular papers have, as a rule, small circulations. Like the daily papers, they are subject to the censor, who stops the sale for a time or altogether, if in trying to be funny, anything offensive to the authorities is allowed to appear. Many papers are subject to what is known as the "preventive censor," that is, the editor must submit everything to the authorities before publication. A censor who allows any serious anti-governmental hint to escape is dismissed from his post for neglect; but this does not prevent the editor also being punished.

## CHINESE DOGS WERE WISE

Oriental Minister Tells Story of Craftiness Shown by Three Canines.

Prince Pu Lun and the Chinese minister, Sir Chentung Liang Cheng, attended the races at Gravesend. A number of New Yorkers were presented to the distinguished foreigners, and one of them told an incident that illustrated the remarkable intelligence of a dog of his. The minister said, with a smile: "I am reminded, sir, of a Chinese dog story. There was a Chinaman who had three dogs. When he came home one evening he found them asleep on his couch of teakwood and marble. He whipped them and drove them forth. The next night, when he came home, the dogs were lying on the floor. But he placed his hand on the couch and found it warm from their bodies. Therefore he gave them another whipping. The third night, returning earlier than usual, he found the dogs sitting before the couch, blowing on it to cool it."

## For Winter Use.

In Cashmere there is a novel method of putting up fodder for winter use. The country lies in a valley among the Himalayas. The chief industry of the people consists in growing fine wool, and in making this into fabrics which have carried the name of the country all over the world. As in winter snow lies some five or six yards deep, supplies of hay are hung among the branches of the trees, where they are easily reached by the flocks of sheep.

## Old at Birth.

A Chinese child is considered a year old at its birth, and its age is reckoned not from its birthdays, but from its New Year's days. If it happens to be born on February 1, the day before the Chinese New Year's day, it is said to be two years old when it is two days old. It is one year old when born, and another year is added on its first New Year's day.

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**Ask Shakespeare.**  
Little Willie—Papa, do they have doctors to treat pigs?  
His Papa—Yes, my son; only they are called veterinary surgeons. Why do you ask?  
"I was just wondering who cured bacon!"—Stray Stories.

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